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SUBJ: TURNHALLE ACTIVITY IN OVAMBO

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, OPPOSITION POLITICIANS IN NAMIBIA HAVE DENOUNCED THE TURNHALLE'S PLANS TO ADDRESS TWELVE "REPORT BACK" MEETINGS IN OVAMBO OVER A TEN-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. SIX LEADING TURNHALLE FIGURES, INCLUDING DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE, WILL REPORTEDLY HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS THROUGHOUT OVAMBO TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE RECENT TURNHALLE SESSION. SWAPO AND NAMIBIAN NATIONAL FRONT OFFICIALS IN WINDHOEK PROTESTED THAT THEIR PARTIES HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN OVAMBO FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS BECAUSE THE AREA IS UNDER
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EMERGENCY RULE. THEY CHARGE THAT THE TURNHALLE GROUP IS USING STATE BUILDINGS, TRANSPORT AND FUNDS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

3. COMMENT: THE TURNHALLE GROUP HAS MADE SIMILAR APPEARANCES IN OTHER AREAS OF NAMIBIA, EXPLOITING ITS SEMI-OFFICIAL STATUS WHILE IT CAN. THE PROPOSED

"REPORT BACK" MEETINGS IN OVAMBO ARE SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT IS IN SWAPO'S BACK YARD, WHERE SWAPO CANNOT HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS. INTERESTINGLY, NO OVAMBOS WERE AMONG THE LIST OF FIVE TURNHALLE LEADERS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE MEETINGS.
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